

August
2013

TAKOMA PARK

A newsletter published by the City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Volume 52, No. 8 ■ takomaparkmd.gov



WHAT'S NEW?

Trash collection
Sept. 2, Labor Day
No yard waste pickup

Back to School
First day of class
Monday, Aug. 26

Informacion de elecciones
En español
Pagina 10



An artist's rendition of the proposed plans for the Takoma Theatre shows the historic façade on the outside, and apartments inside.

Photo courtesy Cunningham/Quill Associates

Apartments proposed for historic Takoma Theatre

By Rick Henry

The owners of the Takoma Theatre, the historical Greek Revival-style icon at the intersection of Fourth and Butternut Streets in Takoma, D.C. are hoping that a new set design will allow them to raise the curtain on a new and lasting production.

The owners, McGinty Toppin LLC, have submitted an adaptive reuse project proposal that would transform the historic theatre - designed by the noted theater architect John Jacob Zink and constructed in 1923 - into a mixed-use building with approximately 20 residential apartment units and ground-level flex space. This proposal is the latest in a series of proposals that have been put forth in an ongoing tug-of-war between the owners, who want to see the property converted into residential units, and community and historic preservation groups, chiefly the Takoma Theatre Conservancy, which wants to purchase the theatre and utilize it for arts and cultural events.

What distinguishes this proposal from previous efforts is the way that the historical components of the building will be incorporated into the design, said Lisa Toppin, who represents the family that owns the property. "We made a conscious effort to put together a team to do this proposal," she said. "We hired a historian to work with us on what should be maintained and an architect (Cunningham/Quill Associates) with a long history of working on historic preservation projects."

The result, according to a release distributed by the project team, is a design that "will retain the exterior of the historic structure and its vestibule and lobby configuration... The exterior will retain the scale and rhythm of openings and incorporate compatible material. Additionally, theatre signage and marquee will be retained and incorporated into the new design."

The proposal was unveiled at a public pre-

TAKOMA THEATRE □ Page 5

Revised Montgomery College Renovation Plan Satisfies Neighbors

By Kevin Adler

Everyone agrees that Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring has achieved important milestones in the last decade. The College has increased enrollment, raised academic standards, created signature programs in the arts and health-care and developed attractive new properties along Georgia Ave. on the western side of its campus.

Where opinions diverge is about what the College should do next — and where it should do it. The question boils down

to how the College's physical space should be improved and expanded to support its current needs and big ambitions.

College administrators are more than halfway through implementing a 10-year master plan that includes both the new buildings on the western campus and upgrades to the 1970s-era buildings on the east side of campus. However, people who live near the campus eastern side — the area enclosed by New York Avenue, Takoma Avenue and Fenton Street — would

MC RENOVATION □ Page 11

Dog park "do-able"

Council chambers filled up with dog-lovers July 15 during a presentation of proposals to install three dog parks in Takoma Park. Several residents spoke in favor of the move, which was outlined by Joe Edgell on behalf of community group Takoma Dogs.

The proposal involves building three fenced parks for supervised dogs to play together.

Four locations are being considered:

- Takoma-Piney Branch Park (Ed Wilhelm Park) terrace
- Takoma-Piney Branch Park (Darwin Avenue) parking lot area
- Prince George's Triangle, at the intersection of Prince George's, Belford and New Hampshire avenues
- Sligo Creek Parkway and Maple Avenue

Considerations for each site include the availability of benches, trash receptacles and ground cover. Site preparation, existing use and contiguous neighbors are also important. Insurance, which held up a similar proposal in 2009, is an issue as well, though since these parks would be fenced (unlike those proposed in 2009), TakomaDogs suggests the cost of insurance would be less prohibitive now.

TakomaDogs is suggesting that the Ed Wilhelm terrace be built first, as the most favorable location, and that others follow. That location is owned by Montgomery County, and so would require county permission. The organization estimates the cost of installing a dog park there at \$12,379 to \$33,480, depending on fencing. It has proposed that once the parks are established, TakomaDogs could maintain them with volunteers and possibly corporate advertisements on the inside of the fencing.

City councilmembers seemed open to the idea during the meeting, suggesting it is "do-able." They are, however, mindful of the failed dog park proposal of 2009. Besides insurance, finding a location was problematic: Montgomery County requires the parks to be at least 10,000 square feet. The TakomaDogs site suggestions each fit that description: the terrace is the smallest, at 24,150 square feet; the parking area nearby has 30,800 square feet; Prince George's Triangle is 33,000 and Sligo Creek/Maple is 30,000.

DOG PARK □ Page 12

Mayor & Council
7500 Maple Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

PRE-SORT STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TAKOMA PARK, MD
PERMIT NO. 4422

ECRWSS POSTAL CUSTOMER

Inside:

GREEN STREETS

Page 3



DANCE, FILM

Page 5



ELECTION INFO

Page 10

DOCKET

TAKOMA TOPICS:

“What do Pope Francis and the Reverend TQ have in common? Find out next Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. when we screen *The Trouble with TQ* in partnership with Docs In Progress at the Takoma Park Community Center.”

—www.facebook/takomaparkmd

City Council & Committee Calendar

Official City Government Meetings*

TPCC: Takoma Park Community Center

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council is on recess until Sept. 3.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Monday, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.

TPCC Lilac Room

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, Aug. 22, 8:30 a.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

TPCC Hydrangea Room

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m.

TPCC Council Conference Room

*All meetings are open to the public unless noted otherwise. Additional meetings may be scheduled after the Takoma Park Newsletter deadline. For the most up to date information, check www.takomaparkmd.gov/committees/calendar. Most meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. (TPCC). Individuals interested in receiving a weekly Council agenda and calendar update by e-mail should contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or clerk@takomaparkmd.gov.

Notice on ADA Compliance

The City of Takoma Park is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in public meetings. Anyone planning to attend a City of Takoma Park public meeting or public hearing, and who wishes to receive auxiliary aids, services or accommodations is invited to contact the Deputy City Manager at 301-891-7229 or suzannel@takomago.org at least 48 hours in advance.

City Council Action

All actions take place in scheduled legislative meetings of the City Council. Only negative votes and abstentions/recusals are noted. Adopted legislation is available for review online at www.takomaparkmd.gov. For additional information, contact the City clerk at jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

ETHICS COMMISSION ORDER

Issued July 15

The Takoma Park Ethics Commission received an inquiry regarding a potential conflict with a Councilmembers' participation and voting on the Safe Grow Act of 2013. The Commission issued an Order dismissing the inquiry and found that no conflict existed that would have required a disqualification from deliberation and voting on the Act. The full opinion is available for review at takomaparkmd.gov.

RESOLUTION 2013-40

Adopted July 1

Declaring the City's intent to take a leadership role in reducing electricity consumption in Takoma Park, partnering with the Maryland Energy Administration, and enrolling as a Maryland Smart Energy Community

The resolution adopts specific policies that will enable the City to obtain funding from the Maryland Energy Administration to pursue the goal of reducing the per square foot electricity consumption in City-owned buildings by 15 percent within five years.

RESOLUTION 2013-41

Adopted July 1

Declaring the City's intent to take a leadership role in renewable energy generation within the City, partnering with the Maryland Energy Administration, and enrolling as a Maryland Smart Energy Community

The resolution adopts specific policies that will enable the City to obtain funding from the Maryland Energy Administration to pursue the goal of meeting 20 percent of the City's buildings' electricity demand with distributed renewable energy by 2022.

RESOLUTION 2013-42

Adopted July 8

Authorizing execution of an agreement with Montgomery County for installation and maintenance of Bike Share stations on City right-of-way

The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement with Montgomery County regarding the Bikeshare program. Bikeshare stations will be placed at Takoma Urban Park, at the City-owned lot in Takoma Junction, at Maple and Ritchie avenues, and on Philadelphia Avenue by the Takoma Park Library.

RESOLUTION 2013-43

Adopted July 8

Providing for appointments to the Facade Advisory Board

The resolution reappoints Nicholas Corcoran to the Board for a three-year term and Historic Takoma Inc. representative James DiLuigi and alternate Caroline Alderson to one-year terms.

RESOLUTION 2013-44

Adopted July 8

Providing for appointments to the Recreation Committee

The resolution reappoints Cherwanda V. Oliver to the Recreation Committee for a term to expire in 2015.

RESOLUTION 2013-45

Adopted July 8

Approving submission of legislative action requests to the Maryland Municipal League

The resolution authorizes the City Manager to transmit to the Maryland Municipal League the Legislative Action Request forms concerning highway user revenue, preservation of the receipt of telecommunications fees by municipalities, and the purchase of streetlights.

RESOLUTION 2013-46

Adopted July 8

Appointing members to the Voting Task Force

The resolution appoints Tim Anderegg (Ward 6), Patricia Hart (FairVote), Camille Kirsch (Ward 1 youth member), Alex Koroknay-Palicz (Ward 5), Oliver Njong (Ward 4), Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum (Ward 3), and Lucas Richie (Ward 2) to the Voting Task Force.

RESOLUTION 2013-47

Adopted July 15

Recommending adoption of the Long Branch Sector Plan

The resolution supports adoption of the Long Branch Sector Plan but recognizes concerns about the connection on Domer Avenue. The resolution also expresses concern that affordable housing be maintained for residents in the Long Branch area.

ORDINANCE 2013-22

Adopted July 8

Authorizing the purchase of police mobile and portable radios

The ordinance authorizes the purchase of mobile and portable radios from Motorola at a total cost of \$314,912.

ORDINANCE 2013-23

Adopted July 8

Authorizing the purchase of four replacement police patrol vehicles

The ordinance authorizes the purchase of four Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles at a total cost of \$108,864.

ORDINANCE 2013-24

Adopted July 8

Authorizing the purchase of one replacement police vehicle

The ordinance authorizes the purchase of one Dodge vehicle at a total cost of \$35,051.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Arts and Humanities Commission (vacancies)
Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (landlords or property managers needed)
Committee on the Environment (vacancies)
Ethics Commission (one vacancy)
Facade Advisory Board (one vacancy)
Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee (vacancies)
Recognition Task Force – short term commitment (vacancies)
Recreation Committee (vacancies)
Safe Roadways Committee – newly reestablished (vacancies)
Task Force on Voting – (vacancies)

View information at www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc for complete information or to apply. For questions, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomaparkmd.gov.

REMEMBER, DIAL DIRECT!

If you see a crime in progress and need to contact Takoma Park Police

DIAL DIRECT 301-270-1100
Emergency OR Non-emergency

If you need fire or rescue services
DIAL 9-1-1

MAYOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mayor Williams will not hold office hours during the Council recess. He will resume meetings in September.



\$2.3 million slated for sustainable, walkable streetscaping

On Wednesday, July 17, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board awarded federal infrastructure funding totaling nearly \$2.3 million for two projects in Takoma Park. The funding comes through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and will pay for the construction of the City's Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project and the Flower Avenue Green Street Project. The two projects are currently in design and Transportation Alternatives Program funding will be used for construction activities.

Staff in Takoma Park's Housing and Community Development Department and Public Works Department coordinated on the applications, which were submitted in May 2013. This is big news for Takoma Park, as both projects are quite large and complicated, and entail significant construction costs.

"We are thrilled with the opportunities for Takoma Park as a result of these grants," says City Manager Brian Kenner. "The Takoma Park City Council has been committed to environmentally sustainable transportation design and walkable neighborhoods. These projects are now able to move from the design stage to reality and will allow all types of transit users including those who walk, ride a bicycle, take a bus, or drive a car to benefit."

What is TAP?

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), a federal funding mechanism for surface transportation. TAP specifically provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation. The Program offers an opportunity to fund regional priorities and complement regional planning activities.

In the Washington Metropolitan Area, the Takoma Park projects were the only Maryland projects in member jurisdictions to be funded through this program. Several projects in the District of Columbia and Virginia also received funding.

Flower Avenue Green Street

The Flower Avenue Green Street project is designed to improve pedestrian safety with new sidewalks and traffic calming measures, enhancing access to bus service. It will also use rain gardens to clean and reduce polluted stormwater runoff entering into Sligo Creek and Long Branch Creek, tributaries of the Anacostia River. This one-mile stretch of Flower Avenue connects the Washington Adventist University and Washington Adventist Hospital with the Long Branch commercial district at the City's northern boundary.

Estimated Cost:.....\$1,654,104
TAP Award:\$1,040,330
Other Funding Sources:
MD State Highway Admin\$696,000
Montgomery County\$200,000
Chesapeake Bay Trust\$20,000

<http://floweravenue.takomaparkmd.gov>



Curb extensions on Flower Avenue will provide safer and fully accessible bus stops for transit users, while adding green space.

"We are thrilled with the opportunities for Takoma Park as a result of these grants."

— City Manager Brian Kenner

Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape

The Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project at New Hampshire Avenue and MD 410 is designed to provide a safe and comfortable environment for pedestrians, linking residents to alternative transportation options while supporting local shopping and a vibrant commercial center. The project aims to create an inviting, multi-modal gateway into Takoma Park from Prince George's County and is considered a major step in implementing the City's New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Concept Plan.

Estimated Cost:.....\$2,144,743
TAP Award:\$1,255,123
Other Funding Sources:\$64,000
(Maryland Bikeways – application pending)

<http://www.theNewAve.com/development/projects/eag>

Bike lanes will be installed between Kentland Avenue (City boundary with Prince George's County) and New Hampshire Avenue, providing safe space for cycling.



©2010 Environmental Services, Portland, OR



THE TAKOMA PARK NEWSLETTER

Editor: Virginia Myers
Production: Electronic Ink
www.takomaparkmd.gov
Vol. 52, No. 8

The Takoma Park Newsletter is published 12 times a year as the official publication of the City of Takoma Park, takomaparkmd.gov. Letters to the editor, reports by community groups, calendar items

and other submissions will be considered for publication; send to tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov or Newsletter, City of Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912. Name, address and telephone number must accompany all submitted material. Editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, style, spelling and grammar. Published material containing opinions does not necessarily reflect the views of the Newsletter or the City of Takoma Park. The Newsletter does not accept commercial, classified, political advertisements. The Newsletter is printed on recycled-content paper.



BUILDING COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY Briefs

Renters reimbursed

The Office on Landlord-Tenant Affairs required landlords to reimburse a total of \$7,465.40 to tenants who were overcharged on their rent at 16 different properties this year. The reimbursements came after the City randomly reviewed rents at various properties, and found that a number of tenants were being charged more than the allowable rates. Rents increases are restricted in Takoma Park to a certain percentage each year.

The landlords were informed and rents were rolled back.

For additional information regarding the law or to request that the rents at a particular rental property be surveyed, please contact Jean Kerr at 301-891-7216 or jeank@takomaparkmd.gov.

Community Development grant applications available

The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to community organizations for a wide range of activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and the provision of improved community facilities and services.

Approximately \$15,000 is available for programming which primarily benefits individuals or households of low and moderate incomes. An estimated \$110,000 is available for capital projects benefitting low and moderate income neighborhoods. The project could be something that an organization does on its own or in partnership with the City of Takoma Park. Funds would be available in mid- to late 2014.

Applications are available online www.takomaparkmd.gov.

Deadline for application submissions is 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23.

For more information, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119.

Rebuilding Together heads home repair program

Are you in need of critical home repairs but cannot afford the cost? Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC) is a nonprofit organization that has received Community Development Block Grant funds to conduct a Critical Needs Home Repair Program in Takoma Park from July 2013 through June 2014. RTMC provides free home repairs for low-to moderate-income homeowners in the county with emphasis on helping the elderly, disabled and families with children. The organization is part of large national network of close to 200 Rebuilding Together affiliates around the country and has been in operation since 1990. Repair

services include smaller handyman repairs and home modifications to improve safety as occupants age in place as well as larger projects undertaken by teams of volunteers.

Household income requirements for Takoma Park residents are as follows:

Family size	Income limits
1.....	\$ 46,750
2.....	\$ 53,400
3.....	\$ 60,100
4.....	\$ 66,750
5.....	\$ 72,450
6.....	\$ 77,450
7.....	\$ 82,800
8.....	\$ 88,150

The grant will address repairs needed by City residents such as exterior painting, plumbing, electrical work and safety concerns. Applications are available by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 or by e-mailing lindaw@takomaparkmd.gov.

The New Ave is mobile

A new mobile app is giving residents shopping at The New Ave, the area along New Hampshire Avenue and up to the Crossroads at University Boulevard, new access to shops and restaurants, services and events. The app, available on tablets or smart phones, can be found at m.theNewAve.com and provides up-to-date information on the diverse and ever-changing shopping and community opportunities in the area.



COLTA'S CORNER

By Jean Kerr, Housing Specialist

COLTA rules on retaliatory eviction case

Case Number 2013-6T, Wright v. Hudson Apartments, LLC

On July 8, 2013, COLTA issued a decision in a case brought by a tenant who alleged that the landlord issued a notice to vacate in retaliation for her complaints about alleged defects in her apartment. The tenant also alleged that the landlord failed to offer her a new lease when he purchased the property in January 2012. The tenant requested that the notice to vacate be withdrawn.

COLTA, in denying the relief requested by the tenant, ruled that (1) the tenant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the notice to vacate was in retaliation for the tenant's complaints about the condition of the property; and (2) the tenant moved into the apartment on August 1, 2006 and converted to month-to-month tenancy by operation of law on August 1, 2007. COLTA further ruled that the landlord presented evidence of a legitimate, non-retaliatory reason for terminating tenant's tenancy. Case No. 2013-6T can be viewed online at takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/COLTA-case-summaries. To file a landlord tenant complaint with COLTA, please contact Mose A. Wilds at 301-891-7215

HOUSING MAILBOX



By Moses A. Wilds, Jr.
Landlord-Tenant Coordinator

There is help for roommates who can't get along

Help me, please! I am a tenant who is constantly arguing with my roommate and would like to know if the city's landlord-tenant mediation program can help us resolve our problems.

We feel your pain: It's tough to feel comfortable in your own home when all you do is argue with the other folks who live there. But there is help.

While the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law only addresses disputes between landlords and tenants—and our office helps to resolve them through mediation—there is another organization that can help. Disputes between roommates go to the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc. (CRCMC) which has a decade of experience in resolving such issues.

The Center assists Montgomery County residents to constructively manage conflict by offering free mediation services, in English and Spanish. A partial listing of the types of issues/disputes that the Center has successful experience working with includes:

- Roommate/housemate disputes
- Family member disputes
- Neighbor versus neighbor issues
- Employer-employee disputes
- Small Claims and selected other court referrals

CRCMC offers mediation that is voluntary, confidential and conducted by neutral mediators. The Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County, Inc. is located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane, 2nd Floor, Bethesda, Md. 20814. For more information, see www.crcmc.org or call 301-652-0717 or 301-652-0718.

Tenants or landlords with questions regarding the city's Landlord-Tenant and COLTA Laws can contact Moses A. Wilds at 301-891-7215 or mosesw@takomaparkmd.gov.

Are you interested in the Old Takoma area?

Join the City's Façade Advisory Board, a Council appointed advisory panel that focuses on maintaining the quality and character of the historic commercial areas of Old Town and Takoma Junction. The Board, composed of architects, designers and local business owners, reviews projects for exterior facade work such as signs, renovations, awnings, etc. Get a sneak preview of changes and updates in Old Takoma!

For more information about the Façade Advisory Board, contact Roz Grigsby at 301-891-7205 or RosalindG@TakomaParkMD.gov. To apply, send a completed application to the City Clerk's office. Application can be downloaded at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/bcc>.



THE ARTS

Resident Matthew Cumbie leads a Field Guide workshop at Glen Echo, part of a community-inclusive project last spring.

Photo by Ouida Maedel

Dance Exchange awarded NEA grant for New Ave project

By Emily Cohen

"Callin' out around the world, are you ready for a brand new beat? Summer's here and the time is right for dancin' in the street."

The classic Martha and the Vandellas tune might be an appropriate anthem for a new project coming to Takoma Park this year. Last month Dance Exchange in Takoma Park was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to bring dance and creative movement to New Hampshire Avenue. The project, called Advancing the Avenue, will reach up to 900 residents and area patrons through workshops and collaborative dance performances led by artists in residence and citizen choreographers.

Dance Exchange has a unique mission

amongst dance studios. It seeks to break the traditional roles of who gets to dance and where dance happens. In the 1970s the organization's founder, Liz Lerman, put residents of a senior citizens home in her productions. Since then, the organization has been on the forefront of innovation in dance.

Recently, Dance Exchange work has included site-specific pieces. In 2012 it led a place-making initiative in Syracuse, New York that was similar to its project on New Hampshire Avenue.

The Advancing the Avenue project fits seamlessly into the City of Takoma Park's New Ave revitalization effort for the 1.25 mile stretch along New Hampshire Avenue in Takoma Park. The New Ave project, launched in 2009, consists

of streetscaping and business development with the goal of ultimately making this vibrant community more pedestrian friendly.

In addition to working with the City, a number of local nonprofit organizations will also be involved in the Dance Exchange project, including the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health, CASA de Maryland and IMPACT Silver Spring.

The grant is one of 59 awarded in 36 states totaling \$4.725 million for projects that engage the arts as a means to shape the social, physical and economic character of communities. The goal is to transform communities into lively, beautiful and sustainable places with the arts at their core.

TAKOMA THEATRE

■ From page 1

sentation on June 12. Among those attending were residents of Takoma Village Cohousing, a complex located next door to the Theatre, and members of the Old Takoma Business Association (OTBA) and Takoma Theatre Conservancy.

Patty Baker, co-executive director of the OTBA came away impressed. "I think it is an extremely respectful treatment of a historic building," she said. "It would be nice for the community to have that space be functional. It's not nice to have vacant buildings."

Loretta Neumann, president of the Takoma Theatre Conservancy, agrees with Baker's second point, she just doesn't think that turning the theatre into residential property is the best use of the space. "We would like to save the theatre and use it as a community arts and rec center," she said. "There are hundreds of new apartments that are being built or have been built in that area already. Twenty more units would not benefit the community as much as a working theatre."

The dispute over how to best utilize the property dates back to 2007 when, after many years of trying to operate the theatre as venue for live plays, owner Milton McGinty (Toppin's father) petitioned the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) to remove the site from its historic roster and raze the building.

In response, the Conservancy was formed. The group has attempted to buy the building, but McGinty has refused to sell. As a result, there has been no movement on the property for several years.

However, McGinty, who is now 86, recently decided to hand off ownership to his children, with Toppin taking on the lead role. "We decided to go in with a clean slate and ask the basic question, 'What should this building be used for at this particular time in this particular location,'" she said. "My father wanted housing; the Conservancy was interested in a performing arts space. Based on all the convening factors, we decided it would be best as housing."

Having presented the proposal to the community, the owners have filed a conceptual design review application which will be reviewed by HPRB at its Sept. 26 meeting. The concept review process allows applicants to obtain design and preservation feedback from the HPRB on the basic ideas of a project prior to developing full construction plans and applying for a building permit, according to Steve Callcott, Deputy Preservation Officer for the DC Office of Planning. "After hearing the applicants' presentation, a report and recommendation by our office and testimony by affected ANCs and interested organizations and individuals, the Board will typically take a vote as to whether the concept is consistent with the purposes of the preservation act," he said. "Depending on the complexity of the project, the extent of issues that may remain to be worked out, or the level of community interest, the Board may ask to see the project again for further concept or final approval."

Callcott has reviewed the new proposal and said it differs from the last proposal, which was submitted in 2009, in a significant way.

"That project was found to be inconsistent with the purposes of the preservation act by the HPRB and by the Mayor's Agent for His-



The Reverend TQ is honored in this documentary about his unconventional life.

— AUGUST Arts

The Trouble with TQ

Thursday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
www.thetroublewithtq.com

A new documentary will screen on August 8 at the Takoma Park Community Center, about an iconoclastic priest who sought to make the church relevant to Catholics, and Catholics relevant to the world.

The Reverend Thomas "TQ" Quinlan saw many changes in society and with the Catholic Church during his 47 years as a priest in Richmond, Va. Inspired by the reforms of Vatican II in the late 1950s, he set out to change the way Catholics celebrate mass, incorporating symbolism, pop culture and historical references.

The larger than life Quinlan never tiptoed or minced words and some of his troubles went as far as the Vatican, but he never backed down. "I like being in trouble for the right reason," Quinlan says in the film.

Time Magazine called Quinlan "an intense, long-haired, chain-smoking Moses" leading his flock to the Promised Land. They added that his church services were "the zaniest liturgical show in town."

Baltimore-based filmmaker Calvin Thomas relied on funding for the project from individual donations; many came from people on Quinlan's Christmas card list.

Following the screening will be a question and answer session with the filmmaker.



Phillo John gathers the kids around in the Game Room at the Community Center.

Photo by Leicia Monfort

TOTS/YOUTH

ART

MAKE/Shift Studio I - Art Inspirations

Ages 8 – 10

Elementary students create two and three dimensional projects in this after school class. Lessons include drawing, painting, collage, assemblage and mixed media - every class a different subject and medium. Children learn to express themselves and engage in visual problem solving while producing work using color, shape, line, texture and pattern. Contemporary and historical artists provide inspiration. Beginning students welcome. Materials fee included.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Thursdays, Sept. 12 - Oct. 17, 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

MAKE/Shift Studio II - Drawing and Watercolor

Ages 11 – 14

Learn to draw with black, white and colored drawing materials, paint with watercolors, use pen and ink and explore mixed media approaches to representational imagery. Subjects will include still life, portrait, landscape (weather permitting) and floral studies. Beginning students welcome. The focus of the class is appropriate for students interested in developing a portfolio for entry into the Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School. Materials fee of \$25, paid directly to the instructor on the first day of each session.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 15, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$140
Non-residents \$160

CAMPS

Camp Takoma

Ages 6 – 12

Explore a new adventure each week with games, crafts, activities, trips, and projects related to the theme for the week. The fee for camp includes swimming once a week. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. Before care and after care are available for an additional fee.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday (1 week sessions)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Session 8: Aug. 12 – Aug. 16
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

CLASSES

Let's Pretend

Ages 2 ½ - 5

Preschoolers love to exercise their imaginations through pretend play. Let's Pretend class members will develop this natural creative behavior through dramatic readings, improv, sensory exploration, physical experimentation, imagination exercises, singing/movement, props and games. We will warm up (like real actors), read a story, engage in exercises and experiments based on the story, and finally perform the story.
TP Community Center Auditorium
Thursdays, Sept. 19 - Nov. 7, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
TP residents \$110
Non-residents \$130

My Special Grown-up and Me

Ages 3 – 6

Welcoming new and returning students to a friendly and entertaining introduction to the arts class which explores colors, textures and the joy of creativity with a variety of fun projects including all basic forms of art: painting, printing, sculpting, molding, gluing, sewing and

cutting.
TP Community Center Art Studio
Fridays, Sept. 13 - Dec. 6, 10 – 11 a.m.
TP residents \$39
Non-residents \$49

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Double Dutch

Ages 6 – 14

Learn the art of Double Dutch through a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, Double Dutch turning and jumping, stretching, toning, jogging and calisthenics.
TP Recreation Center front meeting room
Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. (on-going)
Free with membership card

Kung Fu

Ages 4 – 16

This ancient form of self-defense provides physical and mental exercise which could help the students defend themselves by strengthening hand and eye coordination. The student will gain physical fitness, mental and spiritual strength. There is a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$50 paid to the instructor at the first class for uniform.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Saturdays, Sept. 21 – Dec. 14
Beginners: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Advanced: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
TP residents \$120
Non-residents \$140

Taekwondo

Ages 5 and older

The Korean martial art of Taekwondo promotes fitness and strength in a fun and social environment. Taekwondo (foot-hand-way) is known for beautiful and powerful kicks. Students learn self-defense and practice drills, forms and sparring. The tenets of Taekwondo — courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit — are emphasized. Adults are welcome to register with their children. There is a one-time fee paid to the instructor at the first class (non-refundable) for uniform (\$40 children, \$50 for adult).
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 30, 6 – 7 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 14 - Nov. 2, 1 – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$125
Non-residents \$145

ADULT

ART

Collage

Ages 16 and older

You will be introduced to a variety of collage techniques, work with elements and principals of design, and explore creative two and three dimensional assembly. Instruction will be given in surface preparation, adhesives, color theory and composition and is suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced students. Basic materials (adhesives, supports, papers and paints) will be available. A materials fee of \$30, paid directly to the instructor, will be due on the first day of class.

TP Community Center Art Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 15, 11 a.m – 2 p.m.
TP residents \$210
Non-residents \$240

EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Sign Language For Beginners

Ages 6 – 15

The American Sign Language is not only reserved for hearing challenged individuals, but is an exciting new language to learn. Communicating in signs is a creative experience when put to music and songs. It can be fun when signing to a friend across a crowded room or when sharing special information in a silent world. This visual language encourages and demands attention. At the end of this four week course, students will be able to participate in a basic sign language course.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room
Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Oct. 8, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
TP residents \$50
Non-residents \$60

SPORTS/FITNESS/HEALTH

Aerobics: Cardio-Intense Groove and Strength

Ages 16 and older

Heart pumping and easy to follow, Hi-Low Aerobics flows to the beat of a great sound system. with high-energy moves interspersed with moments that really make you sweat! Following the beat liberates the body and mind to move in the moment. Muscle-building strength work with resistance tools follows, and then a well-earned stretch.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Mondays, Sept. 9 - Aug. 14, 6:10 - 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$60
Non-residents \$70
Drop-in \$15

Introduction to Qi Gong (Energy Work)

Ages 16 and older

Explore gentle ancient Chinese movements that increase basic health, mind/body coordination, stress reduction, blood circulation and muscle joint strength. Experience your own "Qi" or "vital energy" and learn how to draw energy from nature in Animal Walking, Sunlight, and other forms of Qi Gong. No experience is necessary to learn and enjoy the benefits of Qi Gong throughout life.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Wednesdays, Sept. 18 - Oct. 23, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$75
Non-residents \$85

Jazzercise

Ages 16 and older

Jazzercise is the art of Jazz combined with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy-to-follow, fun, aerobic dance routines, weights for muscle strength and stretching exercises, all to the beat of music from oldies to jazz to the newest pop tunes.
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays (on-going), 7 – 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 8 – 9 a.m. (on-going)



For a full listing of Takoma Park Recreation Department programs, activities and classes, please check out our fall schedule insert in this edition or visit us online at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on our Fall Guide.

Registration for fall activities, classes and programs begins August 15, 2013!

RECREATION

■ From page 6

\$45 PER MONTH EFT (Easy Fitness Ticket)
\$110/8 week pass
\$30 joining fee required for EFT and/or 8 week pass
\$15 drop-in (with \$20 fee)

Ladies’ Boot Camp

Ages 16 and older
A total body program that includes a circuit of drills such as jumping jacks, running, push-ups, squats, crunches and weight training. A challenging workout within a quick hour. Eight weeks.
TP Recreation Center Gymnasium
Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 10 – October 31, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$85/8 weeks

Pilates I

Ages 16 and Older
A fun and invigorating workout that teaches controlled movements utilizing the body’s “core” - abdomen, back and hips. Pilates improves core control, coordination, standing alignment and balance with mat exercises. Pilates is the ultimate mind-body exercise for anyone who wants to tone, streamline and realign their body.
TP Recreation Center front meeting room
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 16, 6 – 7 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

Pilates II

Ages 16 and older
Strengthen your abdominals as well as your glutes, back and shoulders. We build long lean muscles using a variety of tools and approaches. A challenging workout that is surprisingly enjoyable. Gain a stronger more flexible core and better posture that will benefit you 24 hours a day. Participants are required to bring a mat and their own 3lb. weights. Six week session.
TP Recreation Center front meeting room
Tuesdays, September 10 – October 15
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
\$60/6 weeks

Tai Chi Chuan

Ages 18 and older
Tai Chi Chuan is often referred to as moving meditation and offers many health and relaxation benefits to people of all ages. Regular practice can improve posture, balance, coordination, strength, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and concentration. In this introductory class the focus is on tai chi principles and how they help us relax and make our bodies



Calling all Teens (ages 13 to 17)

Registration opens Aug. 15 for the following:

- Charm School
- SAT Preparation
- Beginners Photography
- Dance
- New field trips and much much more!

Be on the look out for our Fall Guide coming out Aug. 5
For more information on teen programs please contact Ms. Leicia at leicam@takomaparkmd.gov

stronger, more flexible and more efficient.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Thursdays, Sept. 12 - Dec. 7
Tai Chi Basics: 6:15 - 7:10 p.m.
The Tai Chi Form: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Continuing: 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.
TP residents \$70
Non-residents \$80

Yoga for Beginners (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older
Yoga can be all about strength and flexibility, but more importantly it is about awareness and alignment. As you work with your body throughout the foundation poses in this class, you will also develop the qualities of attentiveness and quietness of the mind. Mats and props will be provided to make each pose accessible to all levels of flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing (not too baggy) and come on an empty stomach.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 17, 6 – 7:15 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170
Drop-in \$12

Intermediate Yoga (Iyengar)

Ages 18 and older
This level takes students deeper into Iyengar Yoga poses. As the student gains strength and stability, he or she moves towards the alignment and harmony of the body and the mind and eventually the mind with the soul. This Iyengar Yoga class will introduce the more advanced poses and include inversions. The class is appropriate for those who have a firm foundation on Level I (Beginner’s class). Introductory pranayama (breathing) will be included in the session. Mats and props are provided.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Dec. 17, 7:30 – 9 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170
Drop-in \$12

also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or prepare for their day at school.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, Aug. 26 - June 12, 7 – 9 a.m.
TP residents \$115/month
Non-residents \$145/month

Afternoon Addition (After Care)

Grades K – 8
Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include but not limited to the computer learning center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. Among the activities planned for this year are: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, field trips, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, Aug. 26 – June 12, 2014
3:30 - 6:30 p.m. on full days
1 - 6:30 p.m. on early release days
TP residents \$195/month
Non-residents \$245/month

Yoga Nidra Meditation and Relaxation

Ages 16 and older
This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being and brings greater joy and ease into everyday life. Students are guided through the meditation while lying on a yoga mat and blankets or seated in a comfortable position. This systematic practice uses positive affirmations, visualization, awareness of the body, breath and self-inquiry. Each student should bring their own yoga mat, a few blankets and a pillow.
TP Community Center Dance Studio
Mondays, Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 21
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$60
Non-residents \$70
Drop-in \$15

Zumba

Ages 16 and older
Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That’s exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It’s an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that’s moving people toward joy and health. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. Four weeks.
TP Recreation Center Front Meeting Room
Tuesdays, September 11 – October 5, 6 – 7 p.m.
\$40/4 weeks (session)
\$10 (Drop-in)

TELEVISION/VIDEO

City TV Academy: Documentary

Ages 12 – 18
Learn Electronic News Gathering (ENG) production, videography and editing in this 7 week course.
TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Saturdays, Sept. 7 - Oct. 19 , 10 a.m. – Noon
TP residents \$50
Non-residents \$60

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro - Beginners

Ages 25 and older
Introduction to video editing using Apple’s latest version of Final Cut Pro. Participants will learn the general interface, keyboard shortcuts and all pertinent terminology. Learn how to create and organize projects, log and capture video, add transitions and effects, basic text manipulation and time line based storytelling.
TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 9 - Sept. 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
TP residents \$85
Non-residents \$95

Video Editing with Final Cut Pro – Advanced

Ages 25 and older
Learn how to take advantage of the more powerful tools within Final Cut Studio including motion, Color, and DVD Studio Pro to create 3D graphics, color grade video and author your

own DVD.
TP Community Center Multi Media Lab
Thursdays, Sept. 5 - Oct. 10, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
TP residents \$150
Non-residents \$170

FOREVER YOUNG: 55 PLUS

DROP-IN

Bingo
Ages 55 and older
Try your luck. Win a prize. Drop-in.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, August 22, Noon – 2 p.m.
Free

Blood Pressure

Ages 55 and older
Adventist Healthcare will be doing a free monthly blood pressure screening. Drop-in.
TP Community Center Senior Room
Thursday, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Free

TRIPS

Senior Day, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair - Gaithersburg, MD

Ages 55 and older
Back by popular demand, we will return again this year to enjoy a good old-fashioned county fair with animal and agricultural exhibits, craft shows, commercial vendor booths and festival foods. Bring your lunch, or spending money to buy lunch, and wear comfortable walking shoes. Lots of walking! Some, but not all, of the fairground’s buildings and grounds are accessible by wheelchair. Dress appropriately for comfort. Rain or shine! Meet at Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Bus pick up at Franklin Apartments, Maplevue Apartments, and Victory Tower only. In-person registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1.
Tuesday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free admission. No cost for transportation.

PETS

WORKSHOPS

Dog Obedience Training

Dogs of any age
Improve your relationship with your dog and build your dog’s confidence with proven positive rewards techniques that use not only food, but real time rewards such as praise, play time, toys and freedom. We will show you techniques and games to teach your dog the basics such as sit, down, come, stay, stand and heel that you can share with the whole family. We will also address any problem behaviors such as jumping, nipping, barking and pulling on the leash.
Heffner Park Community Center
Tuesdays, July 16 – Aug. 20
and Sept. 17 - Oct. 22, 7 – 8 p.m.
TP residents \$100 per dog
Non-residents \$120 per dog

**2013-2014
EXTENDED CARE**

Morning Addition (Before Care)
Grades K – 5
This before-school program is designed for those families that need early morning options before the school day starts. Staff will be available to provide informal recreation activities and will escort participants to Takoma Park Elementary School and Piney Branch Elementary School. Children will

also have time for homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or prepare for their day at school.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, Aug. 26 - June 12, 7 – 9 a.m.
TP residents \$115/month
Non-residents \$145/month

Afternoon Addition (After Care)
Grades K – 8
Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities to include but not limited to the computer learning center, dance studio, art room, game room, athletic fields, library and more. Among the activities planned for this year are: drama, music, art, special guests, sports, field trips, study time and playtime that will enlighten, empower and enrich minds and imaginations.
TP Community Center Azalea Room
Monday – Friday, Aug. 26 – June 12, 2014
3:30 - 6:30 p.m. on full days
1 - 6:30 p.m. on early release days
TP residents \$195/month
Non-residents \$245/month

CALENDAR

Circle Time

Every Tuesday
Two times: 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

Spanish Circle Time

Every Thursday
10:30 a.m. with Señora Geiza

Bedtime Stories

Monday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m.
Come in pjs; great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups.

Friends reading group

Discusses "Death of the Heart," by Elizabeth Bowen
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.
TP Community Center Hydrangea Room

Summer Quest "Campfire"

Monday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.
Come create a special craft based on our Summer Quest "Robots" theme.

Wonderful Ones

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.
A special program for toddlers ages 12 months through 24 months and their grown-ups.
Spaces are limited; registration required.
To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

LIBRARY BRIEFS

Wonderful Ones

We're having a special "Wonderful Ones" program on Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. The program is aimed at toddlers ages 12 months through 24 months and their grown-ups.

At the program, we'll sing songs and rhymes, do some fingerplays, read a couple of stories and do lots of movement exercises. Spaces are limited, so registration is required. To register, please go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259.

Our regular "Wonderful Ones" program, which is a package of four programs, will resume in November. Registration for that program, which will take place each Wednesday in November at 11 a.m., will begin on Oct. 1.

If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 301-891-7259 or email Karen MacPherson at karenm@takomaparkmd.gov.

Politics and Prose events

Mark your calendars! In conjunction with Politics and Prose book store, we're offering three special author events in October.

First, on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., award-winning graphic novelist Paul Pope will discuss "Battling Boy," his new graphic novel for kids and teens. The book melds "monsters, god and magical t-shirts" into a page-turning story filled with Pope's energetic art.

Then, on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Newbery Medalist Phyllis Reynolds Naylor will discuss her hugely popular "Alice" series. The final book in the series, "Now I'll Tell You Everything," will be published that same day.

Finally, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, Peter Lerangis, author of several books in "the 39 Clues" series, will be discussing that series as well as an exciting new series called "Seven Wonders." The first book in the series, "The Colossus Rises," was published earlier this year to good reviews, and the second book, "Lost in Babylon," will be published the same day Lerangis speaks at the Library.

Books by the authors will be available for purchase at their events, courtesy of Politics and Prose, but no purchase is required to attend either of these free events.

LIBRARY



New librarian joins staff on Sundays

By Karen MacPherson

Now that the Library is open on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m., there is a new librarian on staff. Her name is Kathryn Nolfi, but she's known as Kati.

Nolfi, 32, is a native of Pittsburgh and graduated from Carlow University with a degree in English and philosophy. In 2006, she earned her Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a Children's and Teen Librarian at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, the headquarters library of the DC Public Library system.

In that position, Nolfi led programs, staffed the children's and teen rooms, and helped order books for the system's collections. She'll be doing similar jobs at our library, allowing us to expand our programs for kids and teens.

Working as a librarian fulfills a long-time dream for Nolfi, who remembers spending hours — and days — at her local library as a child. "When I was a kid, I was really, really into libraries," she says. "In the summer, my mom wanted me to go to the pool, but I just wanted to read."

In Takoma Park, Nolfi will be the li-



Kati Nolfi, the new librarian at the Takoma Park Maryland Library

brarian on duty on Sundays, and she will also work in the afternoons from Monday through Wednesday. In addition, Nolfi already has some ideas for new programs, including a fashion design program for tweens and teens, and a yoga program for preschoolers and their parents.

Nolfi and her husband David O'Shell moved from Washington, D.C. to the Takoma Park area three years ago, drawn by Takoma Park's progressive reputation and the desire for a quiet and diverse neighborhood. The two are the proud parents of eight-month-old Natasha.

Asked about some of her personal favorite books, Nolfi said she had just enjoyed reading "Far From the Tree" by Andrew Solomon, a book about parents finding meaning in dealing with atypical children, such as those who have autism, dwarfism and other differences.

As for kids' books, Nolfi mentioned that she's particularly fond of author/illustrator Rosemary Wells, known for her "Max and Ruby" books, among many others. She loves the YA books "Someday this Pain Will Be Useful to You" and "Down to the Bone."

Overall, Nolfi said she's happy to be part of the Takoma Park Maryland staff as the newest librarian.

"I find it empowering to be able to help people find things that are important to them, like books for entertainment or information needed for a school project" she said. "I like working in a place where people can get help without being judged."

Library focuses on language

By Ellen Robbins

Usted habla espanol? Parlez-vous francais? Ou pale kreyol ayisyen? Hovori slovenskom?

If not, the Takoma Park Maryland Library has many different tools and avenues for learning languages.

Our popular on-line resources are "Mango" for adults and "Little Pim" for children ages 1 to 6. They can both be accessed on most computers with an Internet connection. You can also download interfaces for your iPhone, iPod, iPad, or android device and access them that way.

Mango offers 34 different languages—most with two levels of instruction—ranging from French and Spanish to Vietnamese, Turkish and Farsi. English is offered for speakers of 15 different languages — including Spanish, Russian, Korean and Arabic.

You can access Mango through the Library web site with your Library card number. Give yourself an account and create a profile so you can track your progress, and return to where you left

off at any time as you work through the lessons. It also offers a translation component from one language to another, which is best for short sentences or phrases.

Little Pim for kids teaches 10 different languages, including English, using colorful and engaging interactive videos.

Our Tumblebooks Library "Junior," another on-line resource, offers collections of picture books in Spanish and French as well as English. It also offers videos, puzzles and games for younger children.

The TumbleBook Cloud component has a wide variety of classic works for older kids and adults — many in audio-book or read-along format, and some with accompanying videos —all of which promote reading skills and English language-learning skills.

AudioBook Cloud offers more than 1,000 professionally-narrated audiobooks that you can listen to on-line. These are mostly for adults, and include fiction, non-fiction and many titles in Spanish.

The TumbleBooks Library, Mango

and Little Pim were originally funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

In the next few weeks our on-line offerings will include encyclopedias in several languages for students.

Our public computers in the Library are all multi-lingual as well, offering 35 different languages besides English: Look for the language choice drop-down box in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

And don't forget to check out these resources in the Library:

Language learning on CDs or tapes

Books for adults and kids in Spanish and French for check-out.

Magazines for adults and kids in Spanish and French

Bi-lingual and visual dictionaries in the reference room.

Books for adults learning English as a second language.

Last but not least - our in-library programs for kids include a weekly Spanish Circle Time on Thursday mornings, and a monthly French Circle Time.



AT YOUR SERVICE

National Night Out set for this month

Tuesday, Aug. 6

6 – 9 p.m.

Piney Branch Elementary School

7510 Maple Ave. Takoma Park



National Night Out, celebrated by police departments across the nation, is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Takoma Park Police Department will be hosting its own community event in celebration of this campaign.

The goal is to heighten safety and crime prevention awareness; to support locally-based businesses, groups and organizations; and to strengthen relationships among community members and between the community and local police de-

partment.

The event is free, so bring your whole family and invite all your friends! This year's event will include informational brochures on various safety topics and crime prevention, food, games, give-aways and live music. There will be police vehicles on display, officers and their horses from the Park Police mounted division, a canine demonstration, Mc-

Gruff the Crime Dog, child fingerprint kits and child fingerprinting, a moon bounce, face painting, games and prizes, food and ice cream and more.

If you are a locally-based organization and would like to be part of this year's event, there is still time to reserve a spot (and there's no cost to participate). Please contact Sgt. Paula Gaskin at 301-891-7126 or paulag@takomaparkmd.gov for more information.

This is a great way to promote your organization and build a relationship with your local police department and with community members.

Check out the website for more details and updated information leading up to the event. <http://takomaparkpolice.weebly.com>.

Free bike share to qualified residents

Montgomery County Department of Transportation received a grant to provide Capital Bikeshare services free to low income populations in the County. It is called Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and is designed to improve travel options for low income commuters who are employed in the county or enrolled in job training or educational programs. To participate in the JARC program, one part of the trip must

be in the Rockville-Shady Grove area.

Soon 50 bikeshare stations and 450 bicycles will be available throughout Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Bethesda, Rockville and Shady Grove. The service will make it possible for residents to connect with transit, work, classes or job training.

To participate, contact Montgomery County Commuter Services at

240- 777-8380 or mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov and complete a registration form. Program benefits include:

Free membership for one year (\$75 value) on a first-come, first-served basis

Free bicycle education and safety training at Montgomery College in Rockville

Free bike helmet

- 900 block University Boulevard, eastbound
- 900 block East West Highway, westbound
- 7400 block Carroll Avenue, northbound
- 7400 block Carroll Avenue, southbound

In addition, Safe Speed Corridors are stretches of roadway identified and approved for Speed Camera Enforcement. Within these zones, portable cameras can be placed in authorized locations that have met all requirements. The goal of this approach is to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit along the entire stretch of a roadway, rather than at one fixed speed camera location.

Location for these corridors are:

- 6900 to 7600 blocks New Hampshire Avenue, northbound and southbound
- 900 through 1300 block University Blvd East, eastbound

All speed cameras are in full enforcement. For more information, see www.takomaparkmd.gov/Police/News-Release/2013-07-11#sthash.85ZmjctT.dpuf



Speed cameras fully operable

The City of Takoma Park currently has five fixed poles and three portable speed camera units. Locations of these cameras are as follows:

- 400 block Ethan Allen Avenue, eastbound
- 500 block Ethan Allen Avenue, westbound
- 7100 block New Hampshire Avenue, northbound
- 7200 block New Hampshire Avenue, southbound



THE FIREHOUSE REPORT

By Jim Jarboe

As of June 30, the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department and the personnel of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service assigned to the station have responded to 304 fire-related incidents in 2013. The department addressed or assisted with 1,393 rescue or ambulance-related incidents for a total 1,697. Totals for 2012 were 311 and 1,550, representing a decrease of 164 incidents. During the month of June 2013 Takoma Park volunteers put in a total of 1,132 hours of standby time at the station, compared to 1,157.5 in June 2012. Grand totals as of June 2013 is 6,740 hours, compared to 6,256.5 hours in 2012, an increase of 483.5 hours.

Maryland Fire Deaths Update

The Maryland State Fire Marshal Office reported as of July 16, 2013, 41 people have died in fires, as compared to 23 in 2012. As we have said many times, working smoke alarms must be installed on all levels of the home. Test them monthly, and have a family escape plan.

New members at TPVFD

At the July 10 membership meeting, the following were voted into membership:

Todd Leff, Shea Whittaker, James Till, Jordan VanRyan, Pamela Vega, and Sophia Lallinger.

Fire Safety Message

Be vigilant when using candles, especially during power outages. Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn and put them out when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Amateur dog contest benefits visually impaired

A dog contest for Takoma Park residents and their canine pals will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. on the Lee Jordan Field at Takoma Park Middle School. The event will benefit the International Association of Lions Clubs' Leader Dog Program, which provides guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired.

The contest will feature several events, including longest catch distance, owner/dog look-alike, fastest wagging tail, best trick, loudest bark on command and best costume.

The cost of the event is \$15 for each dog/owner participation. Spectators are free.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place finishes in each of the six events. Judging will be provided by a professional dog handler.

To enter, participants should request a copy of the rules and application by emailing to: barkinthepark@yahoo.com.

The Takoma Park Lions Club, a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was established in 1929 and provides charitable grants to needy individuals and organizations in the general Takoma Park area. The International Association of Lions Clubs, a civilian service club organized by Chicago insurance broker, Melvin Jones, in 1917, fosters a spirit of "generous consideration" among peoples of the world and to promote good government, good citizenship, and an active interest in civic, social, commercial, and moral welfare.

New Voter Qualifications for Takoma Park Elections! More residents will be eligible to vote in 2013.

You may register to vote in Takoma Park elections if you:

- Are a resident of the City of Takoma Park;
- Do not claim the right to vote elsewhere;
- Are at least 14 years old (you may vote in Takoma Park elections when you are 16);
- Have not have been convicted of a felony or, if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment (you may register if you are serving a term of parole or probation for the conviction);
- Are not under guardianship for mental disability or, if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote.

Both United States citizen residents of Takoma Park and non-U.S. citizen residents are eligible to register and vote in Takoma Park elections.

Not everyone who registers to vote in City elections will be eligible to vote in county, state or national elections. Review the registration form carefully to understand the requirements for voting in the State of Maryland.

City of Takoma Park and State of Maryland voter registration forms are available in the Takoma Park Community Center and the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

Running for Office?

Candidates for Mayor or Councilmember who wish to have their names placed on the ballot for the Nov. 5, 2013 City election must receive a nomination and a second at the Nominating Caucus, which will be held on Oct. 1. The candidate information package will be available online by Aug. 2. Contact the City Clerk with questions.

Candidates for the office of Mayor must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, must have resided in the City for at least six months immediately preceding his/her election, and must be a qualified voter of the City. The Mayor must maintain principal residence in the City during his/her term of office. If the Mayor changes his/her principal residence from the City, the Mayor's term shall be immediately termi-

ELECTION 2013



2013 Election Calendar

TUESDAY, OCT. 1, 7:30 P.M. - Nominating Caucus, Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 THROUGH ELECTION DAY – In person voter registration at the City Clerk's Office, 3rd Floor, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29, 4 P.M. - Last day to apply to the City Clerk for an absentee ballot by mail.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 – SUNDAY, NOV. 3 – Early Voting at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., hours to be announced.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5 – ELECTION DAY, Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave.. Absentee ballots must be received by the City Clerk prior to the closing of the polls.

MONDAY, NOV. 18, 7:30 P.M. - Inauguration - Mayor and Council Members take office, Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Ave.

nated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter. The Mayor is prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during his/her term of office, and is prohibited from serving on any City board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

Candidates for the office of Councilmember must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election, shall have resided in the City (and ward from which they are elected) for at least six months immediately preceding their election, and shall be qualified voters of the City. The Councilmembers shall maintain their principal residence in the City and in their ward dur-

ing their term of office. If a Councilmember changes his/her principal residence from the City or from the ward from which the Councilmember was elected, the Councilmember's term shall be immediately terminated and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 308 of the City Charter. The Council Members are prohibited from holding other publicly elected offices during the term of office, and are prohibited from serving on any City board, commission, or other body that has authority to adjudicate or otherwise resolve disputes.

Nominating Caucus

The Nominating Caucus will convene at

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, to accept nominations of candidates for Mayor and Councilmember. The Nominating Caucus will be held in the Auditorium of the Takoma Park Community Center–Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Only qualified voters of the City may participate in the Nominating Caucus. Residents may register before the meeting is called to order.

Nominations of candidates for Mayor shall be made on motion by any qualified voter of the City, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of the City, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. Nomination of each candidate for Councilmember shall be made on motion of any qualified voter of her/his ward, and if such nomination is seconded by a qualified voter of his/her ward, the person so nominated shall be considered a candidate. Any nominated candidate may decline a nomination during the nomination meeting. A person may only accept a nomination to one City office. The name of each person nominated for the office of Mayor and Councilmember shall be placed upon the official ballot unless he/she shall file a declination with the City Clerk within three (3) days after his/her nomination.

Any person nominated as a candidate must meet the qualifications of the office for which she/he is nominated.

Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013 is Election Day. The election will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center – Sam Abbott Citizens' Center, 7500 Maple Ave. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City elections are nonpartisan, and no party labels will be displayed on the ballot. Write-in votes are permitted in city elections. A voter may write in the name of any [candidate] person for the office of Mayor or Councilmember in the method provided by the City Clerk.

Election Judges Needed

The Takoma Park Board of Elections is seeking qualified voters to serve as election judges. This year, there will be a variety of opportunities for early voting judges, election day judges, and election day closing judges. Details and application forms are available at takomaparkmd.gov or by calling 301-891-7214.

¡Nuevos Requisitos para Votar en las Elecciones de Takoma Park! Más Residentes de Takoma Park podrán Votar en 2013

Puede registrarse para votar en la Ciudad de Takoma Park si usted:

- Es un residente de la Ciudad de Takoma Park;
- No reclama el derecho de votar en otra parte;
- Tiene por lo menos 14 años de edad (puede votar in las elecciones de Takoma Park cuando cumple 16 años de edad);
- No ha sido condenado de un delito, si ha sido condenado, usted ha cumplido su sentencia de encarcelamiento (usted puede registrarse para votar si

esta actualmente libre con condiciones ordenado por la ley);

- No ha sido condenado con el delito de vender o comprar votos;
- No esta bajo cuidado por discapacidad mental, si lo esta, no ha sido declarado por corte judicial como individuo que no puede comunicar el deseo de participar en el proceso de votación.

Ciudadano Americano residente de Takoma Park y no -ciudadano Americano residente de Takoma Park califican para registrarse para votar y votar en las elecciones de Takoma Park.

No todos que se registran para votar en la Ciudad de Takoma Park podrán votar en las elecciones del Condado, el Estado, o las elecciones nacional. Revise con cuidado el formulario de registro para que pueda en-

tender bien los requisitos para poder votar en el estado de Maryland.

Las aplicaciones para registrarse para votar de la Ciudad de Takoma Park y del estado de Maryland están disponibles en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park y en la Libreria de Takoma Park

¿Está interesado en ser Alcalde o Miembro del Consejo?

Los candidatos para el cargo de alcalde o de concejal que desean que sus nombres sean colocados en la boleta para las elecciones municipales del 5 de Noviembre del 2013, deben recibir una nominación y un segundo cónclave electoral realizado 1 de Octubre. Información para los candidatos estará disponible por internet el 2 de Agosto. Si tiene preguntas por favor llame a la

Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal.

Candidatos para el cargo de alcalde deben tener por lo menos 18 años de edad el día de las elecciones y deben haber residido en la ciudad por al menos seis meses inmediatamente antes de su elección y deben ser votantes calificados de la ciudad. El alcalde debe mantener su residencia principal en la ciudad durante su mandato. Si el alcalde cambia su residencia principal a un lugar fuera de la ciudad, el mandato será inmediatamente terminado y la vacante será cubierta según lo dispuesto en la sección 308 de la Constitución de la Ciudad. El alcalde tiene prohibido tener otros cargos por elección popular durante el mandato y también se le prohíbe participar en toda junta municipal, comisión

ELECCIONES
■ From page 10

u otro organismo que tenga autoridad para emitir un fallo o resolver controversias de alguna manera.
Candidatos para el cargo de concejal deben tener por lo menos 18 años de edad y deben haber residido en la ciudad (y distrito en el cual son elegidos) por al menos seis meses inmediatamente antes de la elección y deben ser votantes calificados de la ciudad. Los concejales deben mantener su residencia principal en la ciudad y en su distrito durante el mandato. Si un concejal cambia su residencia principal a un lugar fuera de la ciudad o del distrito en el cual fue elegido, el mandato será inmediatamente terminado y la vacante será cubierta según lo dispuesto en la sección 308 de la Constitución de la Ciudad. Los concejales tienen prohibido tener otros cargos por elección popular durante el mandato y también se les prohíbe participar de toda junta municipal, comisión u otro organismo que tenga autoridad para emitir un fallo o resolver controversias de alguna manera.

Reunión Electoral

La Reunión Electoral empezará a las 7:30 p.m. el martes, 1 de Octubre para aceptar nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo. La Reunión Electoral se llevará a cabo en el Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma

Calendario de las Elecciones Municipal del 2013

- MARTES 1 DE OCTUBRE , 7:30 P.M. – Reunión Electoral, Auditorio del Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue.
- INICIO EL MIÉRCOLES 16 DE OCTUBRE HASTA EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES – Presentarse en persona para registrarse para votar en la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal, 3r piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 7500 Maple Avenue.
- MARTES 29 DE OCTUBRE, 4 P.M. – Es la fecha limite para solicitar por correo una boleta electoral de voto en ausencia. Puede solicitar en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, 3r piso, en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma, 7500 Maple Avenue.
- MIERCOLES, 30 DE OCTUBRE HASTA EL DOMINGO, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE – Se permitirá votar antes del día de las elecciones en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. El horario se anunciará posteriormente.
- MARTES 5 DE NOVIEMBRE – Día de las Elecciones, las cabinas (urnas) electorales estarán abiertas de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue. Asimismo es la fecha limite para recibir las boletas electorales de votos en ausencia hasta las 8 p.m.
- LUNES, 18 DE NOVIEMBRE, 7:30 P.M. – Inaguración – Alcalde y Miembros del Concejo oficialmente tomarán su puesto, Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park, 7500 Maple Avenue

Park – Sam Abbot Citizen’s Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Solo votantes calificados en Takoma Park podrán participar en la Reunión Electoral. Personas que viven en Takoma Park que no esten registrados para votar tendrán la oportunidad de registrarse antes que comience la Reunion Electoral.
Nominaciones de candidatos para el puesto de Alcalde se hará con una moción hecho por cualquier votante calificado de la Ciudad de Takoma Park, y si la nominación es apoyada por un segundo votante calificado de la Ciudad de Takoma Park, la persona nominada será considerada como candidato. Nominaciones de cada candi-

dato para Miembro del Consejo se hará con una moción por cualquier votante calificado en el distrito de tal candidato. Cualquier persona nominado como candidato podrá rechazar su nominación durante la junta de nominaciones. Una persona nominada solo podrá aceptar una nominación de un sólo puesto. El nombre de cada persona que satisface los requisitos y que sea nominado por el puesto de Alcalde y Miembro de Concejo será nombrado en la boleta oficial a menos que esa persona entregue una carta por escrito rechazando la nominación dirigida a la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal dentro de los 3 días

después de su nominación.
Cualquier persona nominada como candidato para el puesto de Alcalde o Miembro del Concejo tendrá que satisfacer los requisitos de tal puesto.

Día de las Elecciones

Martes 5 de Noviembre del 2013 es la fecha del Día de las Elecciones. Las elecciones se llevara a cabo en el Centro Comunitario de Takoma Park – Sam Abbot Citizen Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Las cabinas (urnas) electorales estarán abiertas desde las 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.
Las elecciones de la ciudad no son partidarias, y no habrá rótulos de partidos políticos en las boletas. El votante podrá escribir el nombre de cualquir persona para el cargo de Alcalde o Miembro del Concejo siguiendo el metodo dado por la Secretaría Municipal el día de las elecciones.

Se Busca Votantes para Servir como Jurado

La Ciudad de Takoma Park esta buscando votantes calificados para servir como jurado. Este año sera necesario contar con jurados para la votación temprana, para el día de las elecciones y para el cierre de las elecciones. Detalles y formularios están disponibles por internet en la pagina web www.takomaparkmd.gov o llame al 301-891-7214.

MC RENOVATION
■ From page 1

prefer that the College continue to build out along Georgia Avenue and gradually reduce its footprint in their residential neighborhood.
These conflicting ideas came to a head on April 15 when representatives of the College first officially presented the Takoma Park City Council an update on their plans to renovate and expand Pavilion 3, one of the main educational buildings on the older, east side of campus. The College views Pavilion 3, built in 1975, as woefully out of date, lacking accessibility for handicapped students, and too small.
The College’s solution was an \$8 million expansion of Pavilion 3 to add about 3,000 square feet of educational space, reconfigure rooms to create more offices, upgrade heating and cooling systems and reach federal accessibility requirements. The primary new feature would have been a glass-and-metal wall about three stories high that would enclose one side of the building that is now a patio and stairwell. That enclosure would yield most of the new usable space. From the College’s perspective, the Pavilion 3 project would complete a two-part renovation that began with Pavilion 4.
The reaction of neighbors was quite different. At a follow-up City Council meeting on June 17, a half-dozen nearby residents criticized the proposed project as very costly for a small increase in space. They said it focused the College’s capital resources in the wrong location. They questioned how a large addition to the exterior of the building could be described by the College as a “renovation” rather

than an “expansion.” And they reminded the Council that the College needed to live up to a 2002 agreement in which the College promised to regularly consult with the City of Takoma Park about “major changes or alterations...at the earliest practical change.”
“An expansion of Pavilion 3 — which this clearly was — was not in the Master Plan, which was updated as recently as last year,” said Lorraine Pearsall, vice president of Historic Takoma and a Takoma Park resident who lives about a block from the campus. “This caught us by surprise, and it was not in line with the ‘collaborative’ process promised in the College’s 2002 written agreement with Historic Takoma and the City of Takoma Park.”
Agreement in hand, Historic Takoma contacted the Montgomery County Planning Department and County elected officials with its concerns. It requested a more extensive review of the project’s impact on the neighborhood. A showdown, possibly litigation, loomed.
But cooler heads prevailed and on July 11, the College submitted a revised renovation plan to the Planning Department for Pavilion 3 that eliminated almost all of the proposed exterior work. “I’m delighted, overjoyed,” said Pearsall. “We love education in Takoma Park, and Historic Takoma has supported Montgomery College when it wanted to expand in the past. We testified in favor of its purchase of the old Giant Bakery, as one example.”
The College’s new plan retains the interior renovations but eliminates almost all of the proposed exterior work. The new plan abandons the wall and tower design, while allowing for construction of an outside stairwell and elevator to meet federal

disability-access guidelines. It retains the pledge to remove the kiln bunker and an unused outer stairway on the back of the building, complete the hookups to the quieter HVAC units, and undertake a major stormwater reduction project. Work on the exterior will be “limited to tuck pointing, caulking, weather-proofing and painting,” wrote Dr. G. Dewey Yeatts, vice president facilities and security for the College in a letter dated July 11. Exterior panels will be replaced only if asbestos abatement is required, he added.
Francoise De Reeper, whose Etta Mae Inn bed & breakfast at 7708 Takoma Ave. is next door to Pavilion 3, expressed relief that her home would not be engulfed by shadows cast by a tall wall along one side of her property. “This is the right thing to do,” De Reeper said. She added that, ultimately, she hopes that the site of Pavilion 3 will become a memorial park or mini-forest that commemorates Takoma Park citizens.
Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring Vice President and Provost Dr. Brad J. Stewart said that the College initially felt building a wall to enclose more vertical space — but not changing the building’s footprint — would meet its needs and accommodate the community. But Stewart said his perspective changed after the Council meetings and a site visit for area residents. “The site visit was very productive, and from it emerged excellent ideas,” he said. “We understand the concerns of our neighbors.”
The College is located in Ward 1, and Ward 1 Councilmember Seth Grimes praised the process that led to the modified Pavilion 3 plan. “The Takoma Park community spoke, and Montgomery

College listened,” he said. “The 2002 college-city-county-Historic Takoma Inc. consultation agreement, backed by City policy calling for respect of the location’s residential nature and zoning, helped, but nearby neighbors’ advocacy made all the difference.”
Within a day of receiving the revised plan, the Planning Department approved it. In a July 12 letter to the College, Department Director Gwen Wright added requests that the College strive to minimize light spillover into the neighborhood and use landscaping as a visual buffer with homes. Those requests are not binding on the College, but Parag Agrawal, a member of the Planning Department, said that the College has typically implemented “almost all” suggestions made on other projects.
By late fall, the revised plan should be ready for bids from construction and engineering firms, and construction could be finished within about a year of a contract being signed, said Stewart. However, the College still needs to expand. “Some people in the community want the building to go away, but that’s not realistic,” he said. “We don’t have another place to build. In fact, we have a space deficit; we have to add 67,000 square feet of teaching space to meet state guidelines.”
Grimes said he is aware of the College’s long-term needs. The Council has requested that the College build on Burlington Avenue, near its new Fine Arts Building, or that it look into purchasing the self-storage buildings on Fenton, said Grimes. “In 2008, the City Council passed a resolution asking the College to phase out usage of Pavilion 3 and turn it to an open space for the neighborhood,” said Grimes. “That’s still our stance.”



Conserving water essential during disaster

By the TP Emergency Preparedness Committee

Two events have recently underscored the importance of conserving water in Takoma Park: the recent water conservation measures employed to avoid a complete water shutdown in Prince George’s County, and the fast-approaching hurricane season on the near horizon. Each household needs to have a water contingency plan in addition to a disaster preparedness plan to handle such events. That’s because water is an essential element to survival, and a necessary item in any emergency supply kit. Following a disaster, clean drinking water (potable water), may not

be available. Your regular water source could be cut off or compromised through contamination. Prepare yourself by building a supply of water that will meet your family’s needs during an emergency.

How Much Water Do I Need?

Having an ample supply of potable water is a top priority in an emergency. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts (half gallon) of water each day. You will also need water for food preparation, hygiene and for other uses such as washing dishes and flushing toilets. Store at least one gallon per person, per day. Consider storing at least a two-week supply of water for

each member of your family. If you are unable to store this quantity, store as much as you can. If supplies run low, never ration water. Drink the amount you need today, and try to find more for tomorrow. You can minimize the amount of water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool. One gallon per person per day is a good general starting amount, but you may need more than that. Take into consideration the specific needs of your family. Do you have a baby in your house? How much water do you need for preparing formula or baby food? Since babies sometimes spit up and make messes, you’ll need sufficient water to clean up. Active teenagers usually drink more liquids than adults. Make sure to store plenty of water for active teens. Does any member of your family have special needs or are they chronically ill? Do they have an increased need for water to take medications or for personal care? Do you have pets? If so, you’ll need to plan additional water for them. If the majority of your storage foods are dry or dehydrated, you’ll need more water for preparation of those foods. Are you accustomed to drinking more water for good health? If so, cutting back drastically, especially in a time of crisis, could be very difficult physically. Check on elderly family members outside your home/neighbors and ensure they can store the water they need. Is it stored in a container they can lift, such as several liter bottles instead of a half-gallon jug? How Should I Store Water? It is recommended you purchase commercially bottled water, in order to prepare the safe

est and most reliable emergency water supply. Keep bottled water in its original container and do not open until you need to use it. Store in cool, dark place. Preparing Your Own Containers of Water It is recommended you purchase food grade water storage containers from surplus or camping supplies stores to use for water storage. If you use your own storage containers, choose two-liter plastic soft drink bottles – not plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them. Milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth when water is stored in them. Cardboard containers also leak easily and are not designed for long-term storage of liquids. Also, do not use glass containers, because they can break and are heavy. Thoroughly clean the bottles with dishwashing soap and water, and rinse completely so there is no residual soap. Additionally, for plastic soft drink bottles, sanitize the bottles by adding a solution of 1 teaspoon of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart (1/4 gallon) of water. Swish the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water. Tightly close the container using the original cap. Be careful not to contaminate the cap by touching the inside of it with your fingers. Write the date on the outside of the container so that you know when you filled it. Store in a cool, dark place. Water that has not been commercially bottled should be replaced every six months.

AUGUST ‘13

Do you have an item for the City calendar?

Do you have an item for the City calendar? Let us know if you have a non-profit event that would be of interest to City of Takoma Park residents, and we’ll consider it for inclusion in the calendar. Deadline for the September issue is Aug. 19, and the newsletter will be distributed beginning Aug. 30. To submit calendar items, email tpnewseditor@takomaparkmd.gov. “TP Community Center” is the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park. All addresses are in Takoma Park unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC MEETINGS / OF NOTE

City Council
The City Council is on recess until Sept. 3.

Takoma Park emergency food pantry
First Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church, 7001 New Hampshire Ave.
Bi-weekly and monthly food supplements for needy families
240-450-2092 or educare_ss@yahoo.com
www.educaresupportservices.org

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

National Night Out
Community fun and crime prevention info
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6 – 9 p.m.
Piney Branch Elementary School
<http://takomaparkpolice.weebly.com>.
More info, page 9

Bark in the Park
Amateur dog contest
Benefit for Lions Clubs’ Leader Dog Program
Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m.
Lee Jordan Field, Takoma Park Middle School
More info, page 9

Crossroads Farmers Market
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
7676 New Hampshire Ave.

New lunchtime hours, new vendors
Produce, meats, cheeses, eggs, baked goods, prepared foods

Takoma Park Farmers Market
Every Sunday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Laurel and Carroll avenues in Old Town
Locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, cheeses

MarVa Harvest produce stand
Every Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. (note new time!)
7777 Maple Ave.
Local, sustainably grown produce

Food Truck Fridays
5 – 8 p.m.
Takoma Junction, next to TPSS Co-op, 201 Ethan Allen Ave.
Trohv, 232 Carroll Street, NW
Various food vendors

ARTS AND LITERATURE

Jazz Jam
Open mic for jazz musicians
Tuesdays, 7 – 10 p.m.
Takoma Station, 6914 4th St. N.W.

Takoma Spark House Jam
Wednesdays after 8 p.m., ongoing
7206 Carroll Ave. across from the firehouse
Bring an instrument or sit back and listen

Animalia: A Varied Approach
Art exhibit from several artists, on an animal theme
Through August, daily
Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center
Free
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

Student Breakin’ Tournament
Dance competition by The Lab DC
Saturday, Aug. 3, 3 – 6 p.m.

The Trouble with TQ
Documentary about an iconoclastic Catholic priest followed by discussion with filmmaker
Thursday, August 8, 7:30 p.m.
Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium
www.takomaparkmd.gov/arts

End of Summer Bash featuring ilyAmy
Thursday, Aug. 22 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Old Takoma Gazebo

FOREVER YOUNG

Ages 55 and older

Senior Day, Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
Tuesday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free admission and transportation from Takoma Park
More info, page 7

TAKOMA THEATRE

■ From page 5
toric Preservation, an administrative judge that reviews raze applications for designated historic properties,” he said. “This proposal is substantively different from that previous plan in that it retains the entire exterior of the building and seeks to adapt it for reuse rather than replace it with a new building. “The current project does call for some alterations to the side walls and to the roof to allow residential units in the building; those alterations will be the focus of the HPRB’s review at the September meeting.” Toppin is hopeful that the Board will give conceptual approval to the proposal. “This is the farthest any effort is gone, but there is still more to be done,” she said. Neumann feels the same way. “We are not resigned to it being turned into apartments. We are not giving up and are still working behind the scenes to see if something can be done.” The audience- Takoma and Takoma Park residents and business owners- awaits the final curtain.

DOG PARK

■ From page 1
TakomaDogs reports that its petition drive collected 1,123 signatures in favor of a park, including 577 from Takoma Park residents and 832 from the Maryland/DC area. Proponents of the park point out the large number of dog owners in Takoma Park, and the benefits of pet ownership, including more engaged social life for owners, better health and less stress. TakomaDogs also suggests that relationships between pet owners and non-pet owners would be better if dogs had designated play areas.